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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION'S SCHOOL INTEGRATED
PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY GROUP

I would like to invite you to be a member of the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR's) School Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advisory Group. I, or my representative, will chair the meetings. Dennis Tootelian, of California State University, Sacramento, will serve as facilitator. You have been recommended to represent the California Department of Education's role and responsibilities regarding the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 on this group. DPR is establishing this School IPM Advisory Group to assist us as we go forward with our School IPM Program.

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (Assembly Bill 2260) placed into law DPR's existing voluntary School IPM Program and adds some requirements for schools, such as parental and staff notification of pesticide applications, warning signs, record keeping at schools, and enhanced pesticide use reporting by licensed pest control businesses that apply pesticides at schools.

The purpose of the advisory group is to offer suggestions and comments to DPR as we develop materials and activities to:

- help districts to establish IPM policies and programs,
- train individuals designated by school districts to carry out these programs,
- develop an IPM guidebook,
- establish an IPM in Schools Web site, and
- evaluate IPM adoption in schools.

Your advice will be most helpful to ensure that this program provides the best support possible for its constituent groups and achieves its mandated goals. We hope you will join us in developing this program.



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If you are agreeable to serving as a member of the School IPM Advisory Group, it will meet two to three times per year for about two years, beginning February 8, 2001. The group will meet here in Sacramento; participation by toll-free conference call is possible. (Should you wish to participate at this meeting by toll-free conference call, you may attend by dialing [888] 664-9853, then enter the passcode 41983.)

We will be sending you a copy of Assembly Bill 2260, a fact sheet on DPR's School IPM Program, a notice of availability of information about the School IPM Program on DPR's home page (www.cdpr.ca.gov, click on School IPM), draft Web site goals and content requirements/wish list for the permanent Web site, the draft Frequently Asked Questions, as well as the agenda for the February 8 meeting via e-mail. Should you plan to participate on this advisory group, we ask that you review these documents before the first meeting. We will solicit your comments at the meeting. We look forward to working with you.

To confirm your interest in serving as a member of this advisory group or if you have any questions about this meeting, please feel free to contact Belinda Messenger, of my staff, at (916) 324-4077 or by e-mail at <bmessenger@cdpr.ca.gov>, by February 5, 2001, if possible.

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